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FOR USDEL TO ITU AEROWARC

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SUBJECT: ITU: 1979 WARC CONSULTATIONS

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1. REPORTS ON 1979 WARC PREPARATIONS HAVE BEEN VERY
USEFUL. PLANNING FOR BILATERAL CONSULTATIONS IS RECEIVING
ACTIVE ATTENTION AND A SCHEDULE THROUGH THE END OF 1978
SHOULD BE FINALIZED PRIOR TO THE END OF AEROWARC.

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IMMEDIATELY OBVIOUS TO ALL IS FACT THAT WARC PREPARATORY
GROUPS WILL BE EXTREMELY BUSY IN FORTHCOMING MONTHS TO
DEVELOP DRAFT PROPOSALS AND TO PREPARE DOCUMENTATION FOR
CCIR SPM, AS WELL AS TO PARTICIPATE IN NUMEROUS INTERNA-
TIONAL MEETINGS ALREADY PLANNED. THEREFORE USDEL SHOULD
NOT EMPHASIZE US INTEREST IN INITIAL OR FOLLOW-UP VISITS
LEST WE OVER-COMMIT OURSELVES. IT APPEARS THAT US WILL

HAVE ONLY A MINIMUM OF FLEXIBILITY TO ADD OR MODIFY
PROJECTED VISITS.

2. TO ASSIST IN PLANNING USDEL IS REQUESTED TO SOUND OUT
APPROPRIATE OFFICIALS ON FOLLOWING:

A. ITU/IFRB PLANS TO CONDUCT REGIONAL SEMINARS ON THE 1979
WARC, SIMILAR TO THOSE HELD PRIOR TO THE BROADCASTING
SATELLITE WARC. WHAT ARE THE PLANNED LOCATIONS AND DATES?

IN PARTICULAR, WILL ANY BE HELD IN 1978?

B. STATE HAS RECEIVED AN INVITATION FROM PETTI, ITALY TO
MEET WITH THE CEPT RADIOCOMMUNICATIONS GROUP TO DISCUSS
1979 WARC. HE INDICATED THAT A GOOD TIME WOULD BE DURING
OR AFTER MAY 1978. DEPARTMENT DESIRES CEPT COMMENT ON
SUITABILITY OF MEETING IN MID-MAY (WEEK OF 8 OR 15) OR
LATE-JUNE (WEEK OF 19 OR 26), NOTING CONFLICT WITH
ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL (MAY 13-JUNE 2) AND CCIR PLENARY
(JUNE 7-23). SUGGEST CONTACT KEY CEPT MEMBERS (PETTI/
ITALY, BAPTISTE/UK, BINZ/FRG, ETC.) TO EXPLORE POSSIBILI-
TIES. (SEE ALSO PARAGRAPH 3B BELOW CONCERNING TOKYO
VISIT.)

3. FOLLOWING IS INTERIM REPLY TO REFTEL. ADDITIONAL
COMMENTS WILL BE PROVIDED AFTER CONSIDERATION OF INFORMA-
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TION REQUESTED ELSEWHERE IN THIS TELEGRAM.

A. INDIA. VERY TENTATIVE PLANNING FOR 2 DAY VISIT TO
NEW DELHI IS JUNE 5-6. REACTION OF SRIRANGAN WILL BE
USEFUL.

B. JAPAN. DEPARTMENT PREFERS 2-DAY MEETING IN TOKYO
ON MAY 30-31. GLEN ROBINSON WILL BE AVAILABLE FIRST DAY
OF MEETING (MAY 30) AND DESIRES TO PARTICIPATE IN DIS-
CUSSIONS AS HEAD OF US DELEGATIONS.

C. SENEGAL. DEPARTMENT WOULD BE PLEASED TO WELCOME
CIONE TO WASHINGTON (ON THE CLEAR UNDERSTANDING THAT HE IS
FUNDING ALL TRAVEL AND EXPENSES) AND ASSIST IN ARRANGING
VISITS MENTIONED IN REFTEL. NECESSARY CORRESPONDENCE TO
SET DATES AND SPECIFIC DETAILS CAN BE EXCHANGED FOLLOWING
THE AEROWARC.

D. UK. DEPARTMENT DESIRES ADDITIONAL INFORMATION
CONCERNING "USDEL AGREED TO ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION WITH
CANADA, NEW ZEALAND AND UK.; DOES THIS REFER TO EARLIER
IDEA OF HOLDING WARC DISCUSSIONS DURING CCIR PLENARY? IF

SO USDEL IS ADVISED THAT THERE IS LOW PROBABILITY US WILL INCLUDE WARC TEAM IN CCIR DELEGATION, DUE PRESSURE TO LIMIT DELEGATION TO MINIMUM NECESSARY AND OTHER WARC ACTIVITIES IN SAME TIME PERIOD. UK AND NZ COMMENTS WILL BE USEFUL IN OUR PLANNING.

4. STATE, OTP AND FCC OFFICIALS HAVE SCHEDULED MEETING FOR TUESDAY AFTERNOON, FEBRUARY 21, TO DISCUSS FOREIGN CONSULTATIONS AND OTHER CLOSELY RELATED ISSUES. USDEL REPLY (COMPLETE OR PARTIAL) TO QUESTIONS RAISED ABOVE

PRIOR TO MEETING WOULD BE APPRECIATED. VANCE

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